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In Re Application of:

Xavier PALIARD

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Title: TOLERANCE AND CHRONIC HEPATITIS C VIRUS

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2002 (Paper #9), with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Accompanying Documents

The following documents accompany this response:

- (1) Copy of the claims currently under consideration, incorporating the amendments made herein;
 - (2) Marked-up version of the claims, showing the amendments made herein;
- and
- (3) Declaration of Xavier Paliard, pursuant to *In re Katz*.